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DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE STANDARD FOR NAMED VEGETABLE OILS: INCLUSION OF PALM KERNEL OLEIN AND PALM KERNEL STEARIN

COMMENTS AT STEP 6

BRAZIL

Brazil asks for clarification for the proposed level of 7mg/kg of iron for palm kernel stearin and the statement of para. 84 of ALINORM 09/32/17: "because the fractionation of palm kernel oil results in a higher level of iron in palm kernel stearin". Brazil would like to clarify why the fractionation process results in higher level of iron in palm kernel stearin, since this process, theoretically would remove iron from the product (heating, cooling, filtration).

COLOMBIA

Corrections applicable only to the Spanish version.

UNITED STATES

The United States notes that for both palm kernel olein and palm kernel stearin, Table 3 lists ranges of desmethylsterols which are, in most cases, narrower than the same desmethylsterols in the palm kernel oil from which they are derived. Since these criteria have the potential to restrict trade, the United States would appreciate understanding the scientific basis for proposing these narrower ranges relative to palm kernel oil.

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